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Abolition of the Board of Revenue.

* 363 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for the abolition of the Board of Revenue; and

(*b*) the savings to Government, if any, by the appointment of Divisional Commissioners in the place of the Board of Revenue?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The attention of the Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 362."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" இப்போதுள்ள ரெவினியூ போர்ட்டில் எத்தனை அதிகாரிகள் இருக்கிறார்கள் ? ஒரு ஆண்டுக்கு ரெவின்யூ போர்டுக்கு சராசரி எவ்வளவு செலவழிக்கப்படுகிறது ? ஆந்திரா பிரிந்ததன் காரணமாக எத்தனை உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் ஆந்திராவுக்கு மாற்றப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It has nothing to do with the present question and the hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" For how long has the Board of Revenue been functioning; so far how many members have been there and what have been and are their respective functions? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the hon. Member wants information of that kind, I will gather and place it on the table. It is not necessary to have a starred interpellation for that."

Improvement of minor ports.

* 364 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government had given any loan to this Government to improve the minor ports of this State; and, if so, what is the total income; and

(*b*) which are the ports that are going to be improved or benefited with this amount?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Against a total estimated cost of Rs. 24,78,200 for 23 schemes (19 in Madras State and 4 in Andhra State) the ceiling limit of Central assistance offered by way of loan has been fixed at Rs. 10·39 lakhs. The total cost of the 19 schemes in the Madras State is estimated at Rs. 20,38,200 (subsequently revised to Rs. 19,91,200). The ceiling limit of central assistance for Madras State Schemes has not been fixed separately. The loan will approximately be equal to half the total cost of the schemes.

" (*b*) Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Kozhikode, Mangalore and Tuticorin ports."

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" As the improvement of the port of Beypore in Malabar will go a long way in improving the commerce and industry of Malabar, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider the question of improving that port? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I shall have the necessary investigation carried out."

Schemes for the improvement of slums.

* 365 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme for improvement of slums in the City and in the mufassal;

(*b*) the departments entrusted with the execution of those schemes; and

(*c*) whether those departments have been provided with the necessary funds?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have no schemes of their own for improvement of slums in the City of Madras and in the mufassal. The improvement of slums is the responsibility of the local bodies concerned. The Government however grant loans and subsidies to the local bodies (including the Madras City Improvement Trust) towards slum improvement schemes undertaken by them."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" சிடி இம்புரூவ்மெண்ட் டிரஸ்ட் ஏற்பட்டிருப்பதால் ஏழைகளுக்கு சேரியில் வாழ்வதற்கு நம்பிக்கை இல்லை என்பதை அரசாங்கம் அறியுமா ? இந்த வாரத்தில் நாம் நிறைவேற்றிய சட்டப்படி ஒரு தனி இலாகாவை சேரி சீர்திருத்தத்திற்காக ஏற்படுத்தி, சேரிகளை விலைக்கு வாங்குவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, that is the idea."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the Slum Improvement (Acquisition of Land) Bill recently passed in this House, is it the intention of the Government to purchase the slums and make the improvements themselves or hand them over to bodies like the Corporation of Madras and the City Improvement Trust for carrying out the improvements and provide them with the necessary funds? Or is it only lip-sympathy shown to the slum-dwellers in the form of a Bill passed in this House to give them the impression that the Government are on their side? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The intention is to acquire the lands of private owners on which there are slums. The Corporation is already effecting improvemets in several of the slums. It has asked for a loan and a subsidy from the Government. It has also submitted a comprehensive scheme to the Government of India in connexion with the